

ABSTRACT

WA-I-379

19th Century

Bowers-Holland House  
Williamsport Vicinity  
private

This house and its related outbuildings form  
a 19th century rural complex typifying Washington  
County's vernacular architecture.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

MA-I-379  
District 2  
Map 56  
Parcel 130  
MAGI # 2205865535  
1412

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bowers-Holland House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Doub Road

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Williamsport

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE  
MarylandCOUNTY  
Washington**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Orville L. Holland

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route # 2

CITY, TOWN

Williamsport

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21795

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Liber #: 380

Folio #: 464

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Court House

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED < 50%

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located on the north side of Doub Road, just east of the Penn Central Railroad tracks, east of Williamsport in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on an area of level ground and faces north.

The building is a two story, three bay stone structure with its west gable end facing Doub Road. The south elevation is two bays in length, its more westerly bay within a recessed double porch included under the main roof span. The double porch has since been enclosed and sheathed with late 19th century German siding. A one story shed roofed porch extends around the north and west walls. It is supported by turned posts and rests on a concrete slab.

The walls are constructed of roughly coursed native limestone with somewhat finer workmanship being used at the front elevation. Many of the stones in the walls are relatively large with little uniformity of size and shape shown. Large stone lintels are present over the first story openings at the front elevation.

Windows have beaded frames which hold six over six pane double hung sashes. No evidence remains of the windows having had shutters. Openings at the front elevation are offset slightly toward the west wall. The main entrance is located in the middle bay of the front elevation. The door has four panels in which the upper two sections have been replaced with glass. It is hung beneath a three light transom. A similar door and transom is located in the west end wall.

The roof is sheathed with sheet metal and extends beyond the end walls of the house. A brick chimney with a corbel at its top is located inside the west end wall while a smaller, plain brick flue is located inside the east end wall. Plain boxing finishes the eaves.

Various sheds and outbuildings are located near the house. The structures appear to be in good condition on a property which contains 8.27 acres.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house and its related outbuildings form a 19th century rural complex typifying Washington County's vernacular architecture. The house would appear to date from the mid or the third quarter of the 19th century as suggested by the type of masonry in the walls, woodwork trim and the door and window treatment. Land records indicate that this property was lot # 2 in the partitioning of the real estate of William Bowers which occurred after his death. According to the land records Bowers' property was divided into lots on February 16, 1976 and, parceled out among his children. This tract is part of a large land grant called "Conococheague Manor" which was held by Lord Baltimore until about 1767. This proprietary manor located near Williamsport included nearly 11,000 acres.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 8.27 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

November 1977

STREET &amp; NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

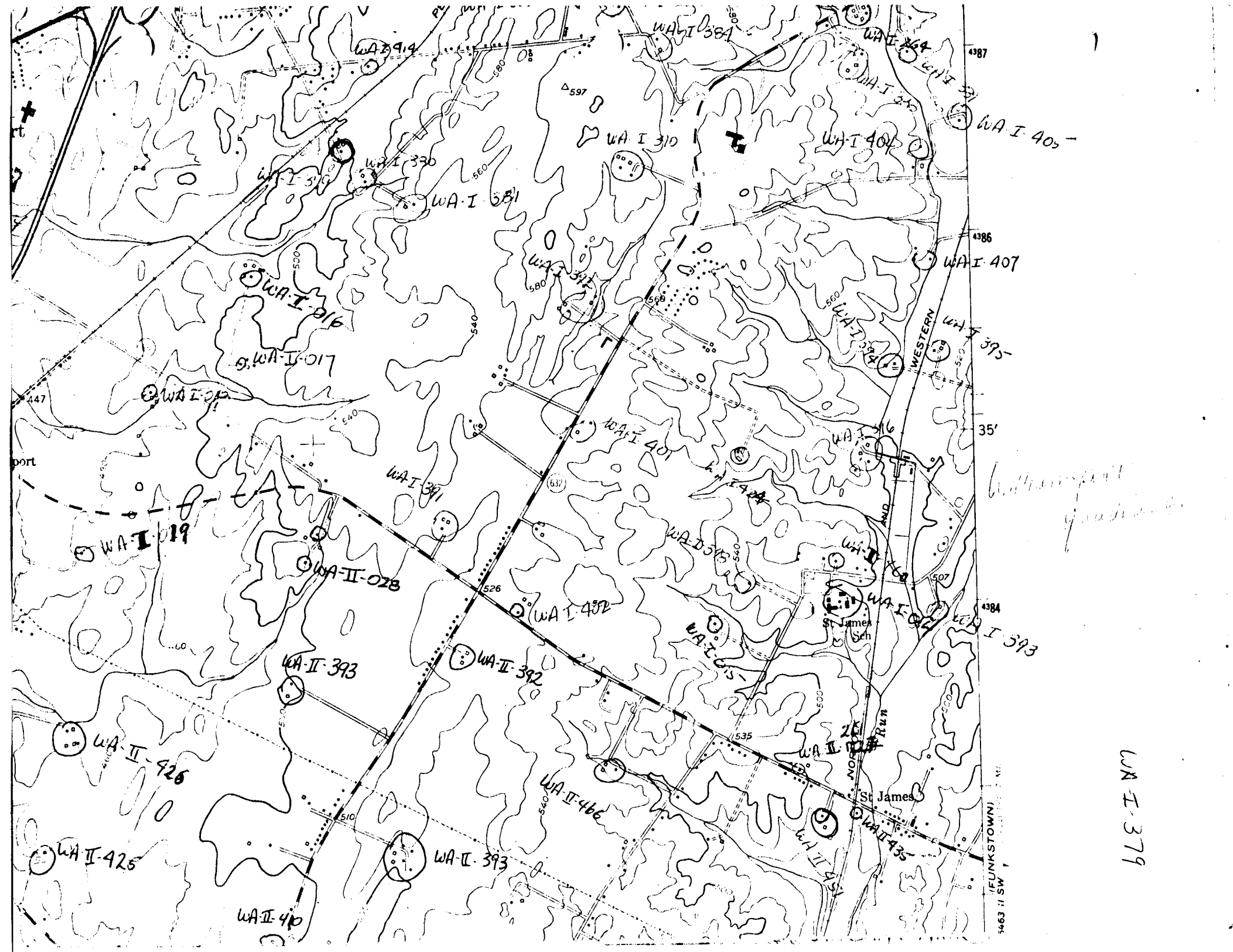
STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Bowers Holland House

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16760 1-2nd 'Dutchman'

Keeck/Rin.

7-7-93

Southwest





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Bowers Holland House

Bowers Holland House

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16768 Edward Dearb Road

Keech/Kiri

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west



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Bowers Holland House

Powers - Holland House

WA - 1-379

16728 Edward Doug Bond

Kopch / K. J.

7-793

Southeast



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Bowers Holland House

Bowers Holland House

WA - 1-379

16768 Edward Doubt Road

Reed / King

7-7-93

South



Map # 373

W.C.  
Bowers

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